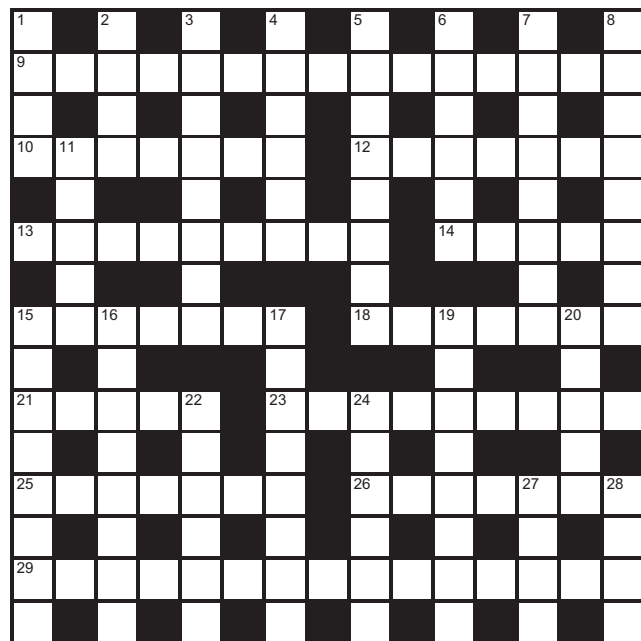


X-17. CRYPTIC — by 530nm330Hz, Newton MA**Across**

- 9 Cohort taking to heart many years of dead tree matter and the heads of ichthyosaurs, stegosaurus, and tyrannosaurs! (15)
 10 Rabbi, since being hosted by scholar, becomes soldier (7)
 12 Carefully study a sodium particle in sodium hydroxide (7)
 13 Irregular "iregular" is irregular (9)
 14 Improvised defense: "Not there, I!" (5)
 15 Playwright's draft (missing copyright) in front of omnibus, perhaps (7)
 18 First of satellites put in from the East to the middle of sky! (7)
 21 What the wealthy have, it is said: carriages (5)
 23 Taxis take most of Washington city to complicated subway connections, for example (9)

- 25 Singer in Glass opera (not without ultimate element of chance) (7)
 26 No good reason for hype: "COWBOY CAPTURED BY ALIEN" (7)
 29 Roman rendering the outer wrappings of tallows to conceal smuggled lo-cal portion of food (15)

Down

- 1 Page in newspaper with no straight dope? (2-2)
 2 Simple arraignment part! (4)
 3 "From this place depart, Moab's progenitor, ere 'Harrow!' rises endlessly!" (8)
 4 Solfège syllable not the note you'd expect it to be in C-major ascending, like much of Schoenberg's music (6)

- 5 Reference books (the American Library Association possesses a thousand), read quickly for the purpose of picking out facts ("looking up") (8)
 6 Species of Antiguan animal! (6)
 7 Lofty reaching for the sky amid small group of the ancient Near East (8)
 8 Leaderless social stratum dominates the game of strategic conquest (*8)
 11 Crude, unfinished makeup covers the surface of hides (5)
 15 Summon to appear in court, quartering AWOL's seekers behind a bivouac (8)
 16 Archetype of quondam knight beheaded (8)
 17 One officer's training program promoted via surrounding train station (8)
 19 French articles about Charlie are written in the first person as a personification of American government (5 3)
 20 Bin overrun with hugs and kisses sent through the mail! (2-3)
 22 Typical in extremes of scantiness: next to empty! (6)
 24 Al's better half is one who adds a fraction (6)
 27 Stage direction printed in Simplex Italic (4)
 28 Brand featuring NASA's foremost! (4)

